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In re the Application of:

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For: **ENDOFUCANASES AND METHOD USING SAME FOR PREPARING
FUCO-OLIGOSACCHARIDES FROM FUCANES, BACTERIUM
PRODUCING ENDOFUCANASES AND USES OF FUCO-
OLIGOSACCHARIDES FOR PLANT PROTECTION**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please re-write claim 5 as follows:

5. (amended) Process for the preparation of sulphated fuco-oligosaccharides whose polymerisation degree is from 4 to 100, preferably from 4 to 20 α -L fucose units, more particularly of fuco-oligosaccharides corresponding to formulae (I) and (II) represented on Fig. 1, characterized by the fact that it comprises an enzymatic hydrolysis step using at least one enzofucanase according to claim 2.